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Cc: Valentine, Julia[Valentine.Julia@epa.gov]
From: Gray, David
Sent: Thur 8/20/2015 3:43:01 AM
Subject: RE: DO NOT ISSUE UNTIL DATA IS CONFIRMED LIVE

Yes need to add normal jic reference with press@epa.gov
970.812.3351

From: Hull, George
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2015 10:41 PM
To: Gray, David; Grantham, Nancy; Lee, Monica; Harrison, Melissa; Gentile, Laura; Smith, Roxanne
Cc: Valentine, Julia
Subject: Fwd: DO NOT ISSUE UNTIL DATA IS CONFIRMED LIVE

David, Nancy and Melissa,

Julia has the release loaded in VOCUS and is holding for confirmation that the data is posted. Please see Julia's question below about including a phone number in addition to the website.
Thanks, George

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Valentine, Julia" <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>
Date: August 19, 2015 at 11:34:24 PM EDT
To: "Hull, George" <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: DO NOT ISSUE UNTIL DATA IS CONFIRMED LIVE

include the phone number or no phone number? Last night's one the first one they had me leave off the number, but the one sent out later did have a phone number.

Otherwise ready to go.

From: Hull, George
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2015 11:21 PM
To: Valentine, Julia
Subject: Fwd: DO NOT ISSUE UNTIL DATA IS CONFIRMED LIVE

Julia,

Here is the language for the press release. We are holding until data is posted, but I think you can load. - George

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Gray, David" <gray.david@epa.gov>
Date: August 19, 2015 at 11:15:08 PM EDT
To: "Harrison, Melissa" <Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov>, "Lee, Monica" <Lee.Monica@epa.gov>, "Smith, Roxanne" <Smith.Roxanne@epa.gov>, EOC Public Information <EOC_Public_Information@epa.gov>, "Gentile, Laura" <Gentile.Laura@epa.gov>, "Hull, George" <Hull.George@epa.gov>, "Hart, Daniel" <Hart.Daniel@epa.gov>
Cc: "Gray, David" <gray.david@epa.gov>, "Grantham, Nancy" <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
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All – here is the final press release language. We will issue it after the data is confirmed posted by LAURA GENTILE.

EPA Data Shows Water Quality in San Juan River in the Navajo Nation Back to Pre-Event Levels

DURANGO, CO – Based on U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

surface water data collected following the August 5, 2015 Gold King Mine release, San Juan River water quality in Navajo Nation has returned to pre-event conditions. This determination is based on a review of water quality data collected from August 7-15, 2015 at EPA's sampling point near Hogback, N.M.

Water quality has now returned to levels measured before the release entered the Navajo Nation. Water and sediments from the mine were last observed at Nenahnezad, N.M., east of Hogback, N.M., on August 8, 2015.

EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy and Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye had a productive phone conversation on August 19 to review water quality data. Based on that conversation the President indicated that the Navajo Nation may re-open the San Juan River for irrigation purposes as soon as this weekend. It was also agreed on that call, that Friday August 21, would be the last day for EPA water deliveries for agricultural use on the Navajo Nation.

EPA will work closely with the Navajo Nation in the coming weeks to ensure that a long-term monitoring plan for the San Juan River is implemented. In addition, EPA is positioned to provide technical assistance in flushing irrigation ditches on the Navajo Nation.

For more information on EPA's response to the Gold King Mine release, please visit: www.epa.gov/goldkingmine

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